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Departments and Societies

A. S. M. E.

Bert F. Elias was elected chairman of the Student Branch of American Society of Mechanical Engineers for the Spring quarter at the last meeting of the organization last quarter. The other officers elected were Martin L. Damm, vice-chairman; Milton V. Jones, secretary; and William E. Hines, treasurer.

The annual speaking contest sponsored by the Student Branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Automotive Engineers for their members is now in progress. The alleged orators are Rocco C. Salimbene, Richard D. Weaver, Willis B. Pritchard, Richard W. Dawson, and Vernon C. Belt. When the smoke clears away after this mighty battle, the winner and runner-up will be awarded prizes of ten and five dollars respectfully and a chance to fight it out for prizes again before the Columbus A.S.M.E. at its regular meeting which will be held on April 19, 1940.

The winner of the local contest will represent Ohio State A.S.M.E. in the contest at the Regional Convention of the Student Branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers to be held on April 25 and 26 on the campus of the University of Maryland. Other Mechanical Engineers who are going to the convention from Ohio State are Professor Paul Bucher, Bert F. Elias, Willis B. Pritchard, Richard D. Weaver, Richard W. Dawson, Don A. Nordstrom, Milton V. Jones, and Buckingham Keusch.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

Some of the boys went to the national convention of the A.S.C.E. held in New York City during the latter part of January. They did the town in great style, giving the once over to such spots and occasions of interest as: the N.B.C. studios; the Music Hall, featuring the symphony orchestra and the Rockettes, a world famous bunch of beautiful chorus girls; Hotel Edison, starring "Blue Baron"; Hotel Lexington, presenting our Junior Prom maestro, Jan Savitt; the musical comedy "Hell's-A-Poppin" on Broadway; a tour of Chinatown and Harlem; and last but by no means least the one big event that really attracted the whole convention beyond a shadow of a doubt, the annual beef-steak supper held in the Mecca Temple Casino. The catch to it is where the meal is consumed, mind you, without the use of artillery.

Captain Seeman, of our engineer unit in the military department, was recently appointed contact man for the Student Chapter and the Central Ohio Section of the A.S.C.E.

Broad and varied experiences reveal the wise choice of the Central Ohio Section. In 1928 Captain Seeman graduated from West Point with high honors and as President of his class. Very athletically inclined, he participated in football for three years, basketball, and lacrosse, in which he was captain of the team. He obtained his B.S. in C.E. from Princeton where he graduated in 1934. He served in the Upper Mississippi Valley Division two years, at Fort Riley in Kansas two years, two years in Nicaragua (Central America), one year at the Engineer School Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and for the past four years has held down his present duties at O.S.U. Two years ago it was Lieutenant Seeman, today it is Captain Seeman, and a better man could never have been promoted.

Maybe a little sarcastically but maybe not, somebody mentioned somebody else's name in the A.S.C.E. News as having something to do with the Ohio State Engineer. So let us pause for a moment and figure out a little reciprocity, you know what I mean. You scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours. In the driver's seat this year we find "Dave" Lindsay as editor

of the A.S.C.E. News. Assisting him are Harold Husted, associate editor, and R. C. Pickens, art editor. Very favorable comments have been drifting around about the efforts of these three fellows. Especially good was the formulation and execution of the excellent idea of printing a directory of all "Civils" in the News. For the April issue, G. M. Dengo, pinch-hitted as art editor and made a hit with his amazing caricature of "Prof." Montz.

At the present time, the main topic of conversation seems to be the Engineers' Day festivities. Plans are on foot for a float to be entered in the parade. One of the main building displays will be a model bridge having a miniature train passing over it at intervals. Small dials indicate the magnitude of tensile and compressive stresses in all members of the truss as the train passes over the bridge. The illustrative points the display has to offer will undoubtedly mark it as a center of attraction.

TEXNIKOI

To the amusement of the campus and to the embarrassment of the pledges, Texnikoi put twelve junior and three senior pledges thru their paces on Friday, April 5, 1940. The men were dressed in tux shirts, tie, coat, and vest as well as breeches and boots to symbolize that engineers are gentlemen as well as "rough and ready" engineers. The men met at 6:30 A. M. in front of the Chemistry Building, carried 558 bricks from the powerhouse lot, and built the symbol of Texnikoi on the lawn. The rest of the day was spent in guarding the symbol, opening doors for the women in the various buildings (Hayes Hall in particular), tearing down the brick symbol, causing a sensation in classes, and proving themselves definite lady killers at Hennicks. This was terminated by a test at 5:00 P. M., but the woe went far into the night due to sore feet and fallen arches. However, it was reported that Jack Zimmerman was taken for a one way ride by the pledges but got home in time for that date.

The formal initiation took place at Fort Hayes Hotel. After an excellent dinner the members were amused by a talk on "The Humorous Side of Engineering" as presented by L. R. Tansley, mechanical engineer in charge of the construction of the White Castle restaurant system.

Frances W. Davis, department of photography, was introduced as the new faculty advisor for Texnikoi.

The new members are: Charles A. Bangert, Robert C. Berger, Seymour K. Browne, J. Ted McQuaide, Richard M. Hardin, John D. Ireland, Donald E. Postlewaite, James R. Robinson, Lester E. Samstag, Rollin E. Smith, Richard S. Snyder, Ivan R. Spraitzar, Harry C. Thoben, Roy T. Underwood, and Claude White, Jr.

OHIO STATE RADIO CLUB

Most of the efforts of Radio Club members are going into preparing for Engineers' Day, at which time W8LT will be open for public inspection and a special exhibition of communication with portable equipment is planned.

The University Radio Round Table is being held on Monday nights, in which news and information of interest to the various University Radio Clubs are exchanged by three-way or more radio telegraph conversations. Ohio State University, Purdue University, and the University of Cincinnati have been the most active participants in the Round Table.

Examination of the W8LT station log shows that the station has been in use almost daily by members for more than four months. Exceptionally good signals from the station have been consistently reported from all parts of North America and many foreign countries. Communication with all belligerents has been completely suspended.

Mr. Lawrence E. Snyder, Department of English, is scheduled to speak at the final dinner meeting of the year on April 29. J.M.S.

AMERICAN CERAMIC SOCIETY

Seniors in Ceramic Engineering were at Toronto, Canada on April 7-11, for the annual convention of the American Ceramic Society. A busy and profitable week was spent by all, and that famous Canadian hospitality and ale were better than ever.

On Sunday evening Wolsey G. Worcester, Department of Ceramic Engineering, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, presented a lecture "Orton the Ceramist" at the Edward Orton Jr. Fellow Memorial Lecture. Also the induction of fellows and installation of officers of the society were presented. Professor J. L. Carruthers, Department of Ceramic Engineering, Ohio State University, was elected as the new president of the A.C.S. for the next year. A wonderful concert was given by the Allegro Ladies Choir.

Papers were presented at the general sessions as well as at the Enamel glass material and equipment, refractories, structural clay products, and white wares sessions which were well attended and of real interest to the students.

Mr. Howard Petty, president of the Student Branch of the American Ceramic Society at Ohio State University, presented a report on the activities of this society as did the other schools at the student reception on Monday evening.

The Keramos Biennial Conclave was given at the Prince George Hotel on Tuesday. Mr. Newton, president, Mr. Petty, vice-president, Mr. Robinson, secretary, and Mr. Blackwood attended from the Ohio State University chapter.



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Dances, banquets, shows, nite clubs, plays, concerts, and the like served to properly entertain the members.

Toronto was filled with soldiers ranging from the Scotch Essen of Windsors wearing kilts to the men training to be pilots. However, the war seems to have had little effect on the usual life of the inhabitants.

ENGINEER'S COUNCIL

The Council members are devoting their energy in organizing and arranging the program for Engineers' Day, May 10 and 11, to assure the college of a very successful event. This spectacle occurs every two years at which time alumni return to the engineering campus, and an opportunity is given for the students in different departments to become better acquainted with the various branches of engineering at this university. The program will consist of a parade of floats sponsored by the engineering departments and societies, exhibits presented by the departments, and finally a show staged by the Electricals on Friday night and the annual Quadrangle Jesters' play on Saturday night at the University Hall Chapel. The trophies to be presented to the winning floats and exhibits are now on display at Burr, Patterson and Auld Company, 1808 N. High Street.

TAU BETA PI

Tau Beta Pi, engineering honorary society, initiated four seniors and twenty-one juniors Saturday, March 30, 1940 at the Fort Hayes Hotel. The men were formally initiated into the society following which a dinner banquet was served. The new members were officially welcomed by President Paul A. Fodor, and Donald E. Postlewaite acknowledged this welcome on behalf of the initiates.

Professor Charles St. John Chubb, Department of Architecture, was the principal speaker of the evening. It was announced that the annual spring dance is to be held at the University Golf Club, Saturday, May 18, 1940.

Those initiated were:

Seniors

Alvin A. Farber,	John J. Keusch,
William E. Feeman,	Richard T. Reiss.

Juniors

Donald W. Apple,	Howard F. Kinkopf,
LaVern H. Beckberger,	Richard F. Lescher,
Henry G. Caldwell,	James F. McIntosh,
Benjamin Easterling,	Robert L. Needham,
Charles H. Egelhoff,	Donald E. Postlewaite,
Sherwood L. Fawcett,	Harold Rueben,
Robert L. Flower,	Robert M. Salter,
Harry D. Faust,	Jack W. Schaefer,
Stephen F. Grillot,	Frank Vaclavik,
John D. Ireland,	Everett E. Wade,
Willis G. Wing.	

Tau Beta Pi held a scheduled dinner meeting at Pomerene in room 309 at 6:00 P. M., Wednesday, April 10, 1940. President Paul Fodor opened the meeting and vice-president Harry McCarthy introduced Frances W. Davis, department of photography, as the speaker. Mr. Davis spoke on the applications of photography to engineering. He mentioned the newer developments in the art of taking infra-red long range pictures, aerio-photography, motion pictures, and high speed photography taking 50,000 to 70,000 pictures per second, as well as their usefulness in engineering work.

The society voted to donate a cup to the worthiest departmental exhibit on Engineers' Day. The committee on social activities reported that all arrangements were completed for the spring dance to be held on May 18 and that a picnic was being planned.

The two nominating committees offered the following men for the offices:

For President—J. Taylor Newman, Donald E. Postlewaite.

For Vice-president, J. Taylor Newman, J. Ted McQuaide.

For Treasurer—E. C. Clark.

For Recording Secretary—Perry Borchers, John D. Ireland.

For Corresponding Secretary—Frank Vaclavik, Perry Borchers.

For Cataloger—Everett E. Wade, Howard J. Kinkopf.

For Faculty Advisor—K. Y. Tang, John Weed.

These nominations were accepted; however, other nominations are eligible if a petition is secured and signed by three members.